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HHSA CONTINUES SURVEILLANCE OF TB RISKS

Mesa College Commuter Student Being Treated for Tuberculosis

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is working with Mesa College officials to notify a total of 72 classmates, faculty and staff who were possibly exposed to tuberculosis (TB).

An individual who attended orientation at Mesa College from August 9 through August 11 was diagnosed with TB. The Riverside resident has been receiving treatment in Riverside.

"Although the risk is minimal, HHSA is notifying the 72 individuals who may have been exposed," says Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County Deputy Public Health Officer. "Public Health Services continually monitors community health issues, including TB, and is committed to educating the public" she said.

Symptoms of active TB include persistent cough, fever, night sweats and unexplained weight loss. Most people who are exposed to TB do not develop the disease.

Individuals with no medical provider, or anyone who would like more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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